RI 4-H Guide to Animal Health
Goat

Rabies:
- There is no USDA approved rabies vaccine for goats
- In order to prevent rabies exposure to the public the animal must be:
  - Identified as possible rabies carriers by conspicuously posted and readily legible signs stating “RHODE ISLAND RABIES CONTROL BOARD NOTICE- FEED AND TOUCH THESE ANIMALS AT YOUR OWN RISK”

Necessary Testing:
Out of State:
- Tuberculosis
  - All animals must test negative within 60 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year OR be from a TB tested negative herd validated within the previous 365 days
- Brucellosis
  - Goats 4 months or older: Tested negative within 30 days prior to entry into the first show in RI for the calendar year OR be from a Brucellosis tested negative herd validated within the previous 365 days.
  - Goats less than 120 days old or wethers are exempt from Brucellosis testing.
- Bluetongue:
  - If the animal originates from a region or state that is endemic for Bluetongue and Anaplasmosis, the animal must test negative within 30 days prior to entry into Rhode Island. (Contact State Veterinarian)

Suggested Vaccines:
- Clostridium CD
- CL (Caseous Lymphadenitis)
- Rabies
- Pneumonia
- Tetanus

Required Documentation:
- Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (in-state requirement is a 4-H rule)
  - Ownership of the animal
  - Farm of origin
  - CVIs for out-of-state animals must be from the state of origin and must be dated no earlier than 30 days prior to entry to the first show of the season in any New England state and will be considered valid for Show and Exhibition purposes for the remainder of the calendar year.
  - May include proof of any required or recommended vaccinations (see suggested vaccinations)

Out of State:
Scrapie Statement (ON CVI)
- “The animals on the certificate did not originate from a herd/flock that has been diagnosed as a scrapie source, infected or exposed, herd/flock.”

Identification:
Criteria
• Permanent
• Secure
• Assigned a unique number from a central repository
• Traceable

May be:
• Official tamper-resistant eartag
  o Approved by APHIS
• Tattoo (not recommended)
  o Flank/ear
  o If the animal is registered with American Dairy Goat Association, then
tattoo may be done at tail web
  o Approved for animals participating in Scrapie Flock Certification Program
  o APHIS approved in Scrapie Eradication Program
  o Recorded in animal registry association or record book when the animal
  is accompanied by the certificate of registration
• Electronic ID Implants
  o Approved for use in animals participating in a Scrapie Flock Certification
Program and when accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection
or an owner statement
  ▪ Owner statement/Certificate of Veterinary Inspection must include
chip manufacturer and chip numbers
  o Approved for animals with a national breed registry association and the
electronic ID implant number is recorded by the registry on the
registration certificate accompanying the animal
  o The animal MUST be accompanied by a implant reader capable of
reading the electronic implant in that animal

Miscellaneous:
All animals must be free from disease including, but not limited to:
• Foot rot
• Sore mouth
• Pinkeye
• Ringworm
• Scrapie-exposure
• CL
• External parasites

Note: Contact with kidding animals is prohibited.

Note: Goats enrolled in the Voluntary Scapie Eradication Program must be kept
separated from non-enrolled sheep and goats by a vacant pen, alleyway, or solid
physical barrier in order to prevent contact.

The RI 4-H Guide to Animal Health (by species) was developed to assist 4-H families and 4-H leaders in preparing for
exhibit at RI 4-H Fairs. These guides serve as supplement to the Rhode Island 4-H Animal Exhibit Guidelines which state
the rules that govern RI 4-H Fairs. These guides have also been developed to comply with the DEM “Animal Health
Regulations: For Exhibition and Showing Only”. These guides have been reviewed by the RI DEM Animal Health Section
and been found to be in compliance.